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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TTPI CLAIMS AGREEMENT: OPEN LETTER TO PM TANAKA AND PRES
NIXON

SUMMARY: TRUK GRAND CHIEF AIZAWA IN TOKYO CALLS FOR
REPARATIONS. HE TOLD PRESS PRES. NIXON ANSWERED HIS
"OPEN LETTER" BUT PM TANAKA HAS BEEN UNRESPONSIVE.
ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON ALLEGED LETTER FROM
PRES. NIXON. END SUMMARY.

1. ASAHI SHINBUN DEC 2 CARRIED LENGTHY REPORT OF GRAND
CHIEF OF TRUK SUSUMU AIZAWA'S IMPASSIONED CHARGES IN
TOKYO THAT PM TANAKA AND GOJ HAD BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO
HIS OPEN LETTER TO TANAKA AND PRES NIXON ON MICRONESIAN
REPARATIONS QUESTION. AIZAWA'S LETTER IN MARCH MADE
FAMILIAR CHARGES THAT CLAIMS AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE
BY GOJ AND USG OVER HEADS OF MICRONESIA PEOPLE. LETTER
CHARGED THAT TEN MILLION DOLLARS AGREED ON IN CLAIMS
AGREEMENT WAS INSUFFICIENT IN VIEW OF BEASTLY JAPANESE
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ACTIVITIES DURING WAR AND US BOMBING. AIZAWA SAID

RESPONSE IN NAME OF PRES. NIXON WAS RECEIVED WITHIN MONTH SAYING IN EFFECT, "I LEARNED ABOUT THE ACTUAL SITUATION FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THE LETTER WAS USEFUL AS A REFERENCE." AIZAWA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO NEW PROMISE OF REPARATIONS WAS MADE.

2. FONOFF (NUMATA, FIRST NA AFFAIRS DIV) CALLED EMBASSY, RECALLING EMBARRASSMENT SUCH CHARGES AS THOSE OF AIZAWA PRODUCE FOR FONOFF AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRES. NIXON BY WHICH FONOFF COULD BE GUIDED AS BACKGROUND IN TRYING TO RESPOND TO AIZAWA'S CHARGES. NUMATA SAID FONOFF IN QUANDARY ABOUT HOW TO TREAT MICRONESIANS EVER-INCREASING CALLS FOR JAPANESE (AND USUALLY NOT US) "REPARATIONS". AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL OKAWARA TOLD PRESS HE HAD READ AISAWA'S LETTERS, UNDERSTOOD SENTIMENTS INVOLVED, AND WOULD STUDY CONTENTS OF LETTER. NUMATA IS DOUBTFUL THAT THIS PLOY WILL HOLD MICRONESIANS AT BAY VERY LONG AND OPPOSITION PARTIES, THUS FAR JSP, ARE SUPPORTING MICRONESIANS DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION. ACTION REQUESTED: IF POSSIBLE PLEASE PROVIDE TEXT OF ALLEGED LETTER FROM PRES. NIXON TO AIZAWA. (WE ARE COMMENTING BY SEPTTEL ON QUESTIONS RAISED BY MICRONESIANS DEMANDS.) SHOESMITH

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